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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of August 15, 2000, wherein the claims were subjected to a requirement for restriction.

REMARKS

Restriction has been required to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a process of producing a concentrate;
- II. Claims 9-12, drawn to a composition;
- III. Claims 13-19, drawn to a process for producing a concentrate;
- IV. Claims 20-29, drawn to a process for producing a concentrate;
- V. Claims 30-60, drawn to a method of using a composition to disinfect.

Applicants respectfully traverse this requirement. As pointed out in MPEP 803, second paragraph:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

[Emphasis added]

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